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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of Pawan R. Gupta Serial No.: 09/521,037 Filed: March 8, 2000

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR

TESTING THE TENSION IN STRESSED CABLES OF CONCRETE STRUCTURE

Examiner: L. MARTIR

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C.

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RESPONSE

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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 3, 20018 having a due date of March 3, 2002, which has been extended by one month by the contemporaneously filed Petition of Extension of Time, now having a due date of April 3, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14 and 16-18 are pending and rejected in the present application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Proceq SA-Wire tension meter in view of Grade et al. (USPN 4,423,639).

The combination of references as described by the Examiner do not make the present invention obvious. The Proceq reference